

**Community Supports and Housing Workgroup
Draft Minutes
September 16, 2004**

Present

Bill Anderson (Workgroup Chair), Carol Shaw, Clara Link, David Kludt, Erin Platts, Janet Adams, Kim Blume, Sara McQueed, Suzanne Gries, George Walker, Larry Garman, Lori Flood

Guests

Jan Navarre

Staff

Ed Holen, Linda Walling, Donna Patrick

Adjustments to the Agenda

Jan Navarre, Community, Trade and Economic Development, will give an update on the Housing Trust Fund right after the approval of the minutes.

Minutes

Under minutes change 205 to 2005. Under Performance Targets second paragraph change request additional funding to requested additional funding and Centers on Medicare to Centers for Medicare. Under DD Quality Assurance Update change about the Division to about how the Division. Under Western State Hospital change Centers for Medicare to Center for Medicare.

Motion: To approve the July minutes as amended, Carol moved and Sara seconded. The motion carried.

Housing Trust Fund

Jan Navarre, Homeownership Manager of the Housing Trust Fund gave an update on the status of affordable housing funds. The Housing Trust Fund awards funds twice a year to eligible entities such as non-profits, housing authorities, local governments, and tribes to create community based housing. Since 1993 the Housing Trust Fund has delegated funds specifically for persons with developmental disabilities. This biennium (2003-2005) \$5 million dollars was available for all types of affordable community based housing for persons with developmental disabilities. Several non-profit sponsors such as Parkview Services and Inland Empire Residential Services have developed numerous community based rental projects utilizing these funds.

These funds may also be used for homeownership for persons with developmental disabilities. The DD Council Home Run project could access the Housing Trust Fund application process to apply for additional down payment assistance funds. The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development has submitted a budget to the governor for additional funding of \$5 million for community based housing for persons with developmental disabilities for the next biennium 2005-2007.

Ed reported that the Home Ownership Project has been awarded to the Arc of Spokane. Part of the strategies of the project is to assist people in getting connected with various sources of funding/assistance in the local community. This includes helping potential homeowners with down payment information/assistance.

State Plan Process and Activities Timeline

Ed reviewed the 2007-2011 State Planning process for the Workgroup. The full Council at the September meeting will discuss the proposed process/timeline. The Workgroup would like to add, "to identify service gaps" to the end of activity number six. They discussed the sequencing and suggested moving activity number six so that it would occur before activity number four. The Workgroup would also like to add a number thirteen that states the final step would be to submit the plans to the federal administering agency.

With those changes, the Workgroup recommended that the process be forwarded to the full Council.

Home Care Quality Authority Board (HCQAB)

Donna stated that Lori Flood's application to be the Council's representative on the board is at the Governor's office. Lori will be attending meetings to observe until she hears from the Governor.

She also shared that the Governor is negotiating a contract with SEIA for worker wages and benefits. The HCQAB is writing rules and initiating a program on provider safety training for worker's compensation coverage of home care workers. Worker's compensation begins October 1, 2004.

The board also meets monthly. They are establishing the referral registry and have decision packages that have gone to the Office of Financial Management. Donna and Ed have provided input on the in-home care ombudsman proposal.

Lori Flood stated that she attended the August meeting and was very impressed with the input and knowledge that Kathy Hull has brought to the HCQA. She is excited to be a part of this group since 60% of IP's are parents of individuals with developmental disabilities and to be able to represent that population as well as others is an honor. Lori felt that with the development of the registry it is especially important to have many voices present to make sure it is as comprehensive as possible.

Project Update

Ed asked the Workgroup to read the big picture workplan by the next meeting. There will be an update at the full Council meeting on the DDD decision packages that have gone to the Office of Financial Management for consideration by the Governor. Staff so far has only had a chance to read through the DDD decision packages.

Possible Agenda Items for November

SSP Report review
CARE data report review
Home Ownership/Arc of Spokane report
Home Project with the DDD
Certification guidelines regarding DD residential providers
Real Choices II assessment

With that the meeting was adjourned.